

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 2828 SHERIDAN ROAD, ZION, ILLINOIS**

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Mayor McKinney called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Frierson, Fischer, McDowell, Stackhouse, and Mayor. A quorum was present.

Also present: Fire Chief Justin Stried, Police Chief Eric Barden, Building & Zoning Director Rich Ianson, Public Works Director Vic Ransom, Economic Development Director Sonolito Bronson, Finance Director Melissa Wellendorf, City Administrator David Knabel and City Attorney James Vasselli.

William Bremner led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**AGENDA CHANGES**

It was moved by Commissioner Stackhouse, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to accept the City Council meeting agenda with the following change:

Table Item 7 (a) Consider passing RESOLUTION for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for utilization of MFT funds for general maintenance programs until the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The vote on roll call was: Commissioner Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor aye. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mary Lou Hiltibran, ESDA Director, gave a monthly report of the recent activities that ESDA performed in assistance to the City.

Maurice Jones, Cypress Park Subdivision, noted that the streets in the subdivision are terrible. Every year they patch holes and new ones open up. He feels as though all they have is gravel throughout the streets and they need help. Additionally, he stated there are 6 streetlights out in the community, one of which has been out for 2 years. For the matter of safety, they need to have it fixed. He is also concerned about police presence in the community. He noted that they do not see police in the community often. He asked if they can park cars in the street after midnight. Regarding the Khayat project, he thought the City was supposed to send out notices so the public would have a chance to speak. They have done their research when it comes to the meeting. They did not take the resident's comments into consideration. He believes the City should just say that they are doing the project regardless of the resident's concerns.

Raymond Gilmore, Cyprus Park Subdivision, noted that he has concerns with the Khayat project regarding the retention ponds. The proposal includes adding 2 small retention ponds and they already have some flooding going on. The roads need to be fixed so the water has a place to go. He is concerned about the access road they want to put in for the construction. The plan states that the solar panels will be up by the highway, they would like that flipped and have the homes there.

Robert McLaughlin, Cyprus Park Subdivision, noted regarding the Khayat, the Planning & Zoning Commission made a recommendation but it was rejected by the City Council. He asked why they do not follow the Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation. He asked if it was due to the City needing more housing and citizens. He noted the roads need to be done as the subdivision is 20 years old and the roads have never been replaced. The sidewalks also have issues. He asked why they would want more housing adding more traffic to the already dilapidated roads.

Christopher Williams, Cypress Park Subdivision, noted he has lived in the subdivision for 20 years and he has never seen a fire hydrant flushed. They need things to be maintained and safety is important in the community. They have lights out and knocked down and kids are out riding their bikes. Regarding the retention ponds, when one fills up, it is supposed to drain into another pond. He is on his 12<sup>th</sup> sump pump in his home, as water backflows into his basement. The drainage system was never completed by the original builder. He noted other homeowners are also having issues with water in their basement. He also noted that the mosquitos in the summer are terrible.

David Pipes, new local business owner, noted he is a restaurateur developing a lake front smokehouse. He stated he is also looking at acquiring more property in Zion and noted that they will be seeing a lot of him in the future.

### CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Stackhouse that the Minutes be approved as follows:

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** a Regular Meeting held on April 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.; approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on April 7, 2026 at 7:58 p.m.

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Stackhouse that the Bills be approved as follows:

- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 151605 through 151786 drawn on Huntington National Bank N.A., Total: \$1,456,607.30

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried

### ORDINANCE/SECOND AMENDMENT/PURCHASE & SALE AGREEMENT/MJR REAL ESTATE HOLDING COMPANY LLC

A memo (26-DOC-26) was received from Director Bronson requesting approval of an extension of the existing sale and development agreement related to the proposed Chipotle project located at the intersection of Sheridan Road and Yale Avenue. Director Bronson stated that the current agreement is set to expire on April 20, 2026. The developer must still complete several key steps before the project can proceed, including:

- Completing the plan of subdivision and consolidation, which will convert the existing multiple PINS into Lot 1 and 2;
- Obtaining Planning & Zoning Commission approvals followed by City Council approvals;
- Closing on the property and proceeding with construction of the proposed Chipotle restaurant.

An application of subdivision and consolidation must go before the Planning & Zoning Commission for recommendation and then to the City Council for approval. The next scheduled meeting of the P & Z Commission is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> and the application deadline for this meeting is April 17<sup>th</sup>. Based on the project timeline, it is not practical for these steps to be completed prior to the current expiration date. Staff is therefore respectfully requesting approving an extension of the existing agreement to allow sufficient time for the subdivision, entitlement approvals, and closing process to be completed.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Stackhouse that an Ordinance (26-O-19) be passed approving and authorizing a second amendment to the purchase and sale agreement between MJR Real Estate Holding Company LLC and the City of Zion for 3318 Sheridan Road. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

### ORDINANCE/REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT/ROGER WHITMORE'S AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

A memo (26-DOC-27) was received from Director Bronson requesting approval of a redevelopment agreement for Roger Whitmore Automotive Inc. Director Bronson stated at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council voted to approve the TIF application submitted by Roger Whitmore Automotive Inc. in the amount of \$79,000. Staff requests the approval and authorization of the redevelopment agreement between the City and Roger Whitmore Automotive, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$79,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner McDowell that an Ordinance (26-O-20) be passed approving and authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement by and between Roger Whitmore's Automotive Service, Inc. and the City of Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, nay; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ORDINANCE/AMENDING SECTION 94-258 OF THE ZION MUNICIPAL CODE**

A memo (26-DOC-28) was received from Chief Barden requesting to amend Section 94-258 of the Zion Municipal Code regarding separate connections for storm sewer and sanitary lines. Chapter 94 of the Municipal Code currently requires separate connections from storm sewer lines and sanitary lines. While this requirement remains the standard practice, certain site conditions and cost considerations can make separate connections impractical in limited circumstances. The proposed amendment provides flexibility by allowing the Director of Public Works, or their designee, to approve a single connection when appropriate. This administrative discretion will allow the City to address unique infrastructure situations while still maintaining oversight and ensuring proper engineering review.

It was moved by Commissioner Stackhouse, seconded by Commissioner Frierson that an Ordinance (26-O-21) be passed amending Section 94-258 of the Zion Municipal Code regarding separate connections for sanitary lines located in the City of Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ORDINANCE/SEWER REPLACEMENT AGREEMENT/START EARLY/DISTRICT 6**

A memo (26-DOC-29) was received from Chief Barden requesting approval of an agreement between the City of Zion, Start Early, and the Board of Education of Zion School District No. 6. Start Early, in coordination with Zion School District 6, is planning the construction of an Early Childhood Center located at 1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street in Zion. The facility will provide early childhood services, community uses, and professional learning and development opportunities for residents. In order to support development of the site, a sanitary sewer line must be installed and connected to an existing pipe that requires replacement. Start Early and Zion School District 6 have agreed to share the costs associated with installation of the new sewer pipe, with School District 6 serving as the lead contracting party for construction. Upon completion and acceptance, the City of Zion will assume maintenance responsibility for the new sewer infrastructure.

It was moved by Commissioner Stackhouse, seconded by Commissioner Frierson that an Ordinance (26-O-22) be passed authorizing and approving a sewer replacement agreement between Start Early, Board of Education No. 6 and the City of Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ORDINANCE/AGREEMENT/AXON ENTERPRISES, INC./POLICE DEPARTMENT**

A memo (26-DOC-30) was received from Chief Barden requesting approval of an agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc. Chief Barden stated that he is requesting to enter in to a 5-year agreement with Axon for body-worn cameras, TASER 10 devices, interview room equipment, digital evidence management, and associated software and support services. The police department currently utilizes Axon products for body-worn cameras, TASER devices, and evidence management. The proposed agreement replaces existing expiring contracts and consolidates equipment, software licensing, warranties and maintenance into a single comprehensive program. The upgrade will also transition the department to the Axon Body 4 camera platform, TASER 10 system, and enhanced digital evidence capabilities.

The proposal includes:

- 53 Axon Body 4 body-worn cameras
- Multi-bay docking stations and accessories
- 15 TASER 10 devices with associated cartridges and accessories
- Three interview room camera systems
- Evidence.com digital evidence storage and management
- Redaction, auto-tagging, transcription, and community sharing tools
- Software licensing, warranties, and hardware refresh under Axon's Technology Assurance Plan (TAP)

The agreement is structured as a 60-month program with annual payments. The total contract cost is \$664,904.78. The proposal reflects as estimated savings of \$279,903.89 compared to standard pricing and includes transfer credits from existing agreements. Staff recommends approval of the agreement to ensure continuity of operations, improved officer safety, enhanced transparency, and long-term cost stability. Commissioner Fischer asked what the estimated savings would be. Chief Barden stated the first quote the received was \$1.4 million but were able to negotiate and bring the costs down to \$664,904.78. Commissioner Frierson asked if there have been any competitors that are rising up. Chief Barden stated they did look at other companies and did a trial and error and ultimately did not feel confident with any of them. The cameras were terrible and the comparable software was not good.

The evidence management was also a big part of the package. They are able to transfer items all at once and with others they would have to do it one at a time. He noted that in the big picture, it made the most sense to stay with the current vendor. The contract is \$20,000 over the last contract but are getting more with this contract. Video storage is also becoming a big problem and they will have unlimited storage under the new contract.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Stackhouse that an Ordinance (26-O-23) be passed authorizing and approving the purchase of products and services for the Zion Police Department from Axon Enterprises, Inc. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

#### **ORDINANCE/REALLOCATION OF FUNDS/CAPITAL FUNDS**

A memo (26-DOC-31) was received from Chief Barden requesting approval to reallocate 660,000.00 from the contingency portion of the City's capital outlay on the appropriations to the non-contingency portion of the capital outlay portion of the appropriations. The City's capital outlay on the appropriations currently contains sufficient contingency funds to support the reallocation without negatively impacting other obligations or projects.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner McDowell that an Ordinance (26-O-24) be passed authorizing and approving the reallocation of funds. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

#### **ORDINANCE/PURCHASE/CARDIAC MONITORS/DEFIBRILATORS/FIRE DEPARTMENT**

A memo (26-DOC-32) was received from Chief Stried requesting approval of a purchase of essential equipment for the fire department. Chief Stried stated they received a quote from ZOLL Medical for two (2) replacement cardiac monitors/defibrillators, which would be included in the FY27 Capital Projects Fund budget. Two of the four current monitors are reaching the end of their recommended useful life, and are among the most important and potentially life-saving pieces of equipment that they carry. Staff has evaluated multiple purchase and long-term lease options, and has determined that an outright purchase of two at this time, along with necessary equipment (CPR pads, electrodes and cables/sensors, etc.) is in the best financial interest of the City. The quote shows what replacing all four (4) of the ZOLL monitors would cost but at this time, he is requesting the replacement of two (2) units, for a total cost of \$108,969.45. Additionally, he requested that the Council waive the competitive bid process and recognize ZOLL Medical as the sole-source vendor for this specialized equipment.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Stackhouse that an Ordinance (26-O-25) be passed authorizing and approving the equipment (cardiac monitors/defibrillators and related equipment) with ZOLL Medical and waive the bid process. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

#### **ORDINANCE/AMENDMENTS/INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT/SWALCO**

Commissioner Fischer noted that the proposed ordinance contains amendments to the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) Intergovernmental Agreement. He stated that all communities in Lake County are members of SWALCO and are asked to adopt the amendments.

It was moved by Commissioner Stackhouse, seconded by Commissioner Frierson that an Ordinance (26-O-26) be passed authorizing and approving amendments to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) and the City of Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

#### **MFT/STREET & BRIDGE BUDGET APPROVAL**

A memo (26-DOC-33) was received from Director Wellendorf requesting approval of the MFT and Street & Bridge Budget for FY 2027. Director Wellendorf noted that approval of these budgets are in advance of the remainder of the City Funds. As this is a standalone fund and has no impact on the General Fund or other fund budgets they can isolate and approve accordingly.

It was moved by Commissioner Stackhouse, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve the MFT and Street & Bridge budget for FY2027 as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried.

**FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC NEW HIRE**

A memo (26-DOC-34) was received from Chief Stried requesting permission to hire one (1) Firefighter/Paramedic. Chief Stried stated he asking to hire the next eligible candidate from the firefighter/paramedic eligibility list. The current Personnel Authorization allows for 21 Firefighter/Paramedic positions and currently have 20 filled. Given the fact that they have one FF/P off on extended injury leave and one FF/P has been on National Guard deployment for over six months, they have worked with the City Administrator to budge for the position to be filled. The Fire & Police Commission has previously released all names for the hiring eligibility list.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Stackhouse that an Ordinance (26-O-27) be passed authorizing and approving a personnel change (Firefighter/Paramedic – Zion Fire & Rescue Department). The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**TABULATION OF BIDS/2026 STREET LIGHT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE**

A Tabulation of Bids (26-DOC-35) was received from Director Ransom for the 2026 Street Light Repair & Maintenance. Director Ransom stated the bid opening for the 2026 Street Light Repair & Maintenance was held on April 8, 2026. The results are as follows:

	Street Light Repair (per hour)	Emergency Street Light Repair (per hour)
Home Towne Electric	\$180.00	\$220.00
H & H Electric	\$491.60	\$1,558.80

Staff is requesting and recommending to accept the lowest responsible bidder, Home Towne Electric of Lake Villa, Illinois. The bid results are on file in the City Clerk's office and Public works. Commissioner Frierson asked if there are any other costs they are paying for. Director Ransom stated the bid is for the hourly rates, materials are all extra. Mayor McKinney has why there was such a large disparity between the bids. Director Ransom stated H & H Electric does a lot of State work and is further away of which the will play into the costs. Hometowne Electric has been with the City for the last 6-8 years.

It was moved by Commissioner Stackhouse, seconded by Commissioner McDowell that a Resolution (26-R-7) be passed awarding the bid for the 2026 Street Light Repair & Maintenance to Home Towne Electric. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

**TABULATION OF BIDS/CLEANING & MAINTENANCE SERVICES/CITY HALL/POLICE ADMINISTRATION/PUBLIC WORKS**

A Tabulation of Bids (26-DOC-36) was received from Director Ianson for the Cleaning & Maintenance Services for City Hall/Police Administration/Public Works. Director Ianson stated the City received three (3) bids, all responsive for the Cleaning and Maintenance Service for City Hall, Police Administration and Public Works.

SW Cleaning Services	\$44,292.00
Chi-Town Cleaning Service Co.	\$45,360.00
Uni-Max Management Corp.	\$58,800.00

Based on the past performance history of the first two companies, and positive references for Uni-Max Management Corp., Staff is recommending that they go with this company for \$58,800.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Stackhouse that a Resolution (26-R-8) be passed awarding the bid for the Cleaning & Maintenance Services for City Hall/Police Administration and Public Works to Uni-Max Management Corp., in the amount of \$58,800.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

**PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT/KHAYAT ENTERPRISES/GREEN FIG SOLAR, LLC**

A memo (26-DOC-37) was received Director Ianson requesting the removal of an existing PUD and approving a new PUD. Director Ianson stated that Khayat Enterprises/Green Fig Solar is seeking to remove the existing PUD and approve a new PUD with a Special Use Permit to allow a residential subdivision and a solar farm at the property located at 40375 Kenosha Road, Zoning Docket 26-Z-1. The site is currently zoned R-16 Single Family Planned Unit Development that was approved as Phase 3 of the Cypress Park Subdivision in March of 2006. The petitioner is requesting that the existing PUD be removed and considered null and void, with the consideration of the proposed PUD. The new PUD will consist of 33 single family homes to the east and a ground solar farm to the west. Originally, it went to the Zoning Commission in August of 2025. They considered three options for the project.

- Develop the original PUD of 82 homes, which has already been approved in the existing PUD.
- The proposed PUD plan of 50 homes and solar farm.
- The proposed PUD plan, subject to conditions, eliminating the residential use of building 50 homes and donating the land to the Park District for a park. This plan would not require connection of any existing roads.

At the August 7, 2025 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, they recommended to approve the option of allowing the development of the solar farm and elimination of the development of 50 homes, and donating the property to the Park District. This recommendation was presented to the City Council at the August 19, 2025 meeting and the Council made a motion to send it back to Staff and the Zoning Commission to reconsider other options than what was listed. The new proposal will involve the placement of 387,684 sq. ft. of solar panels that will be fixed on 22.71 acres of land. The ground mounted solar energy system is expected to produce 6,570,000 kwh of electricity per year, which will be sufficient to power approximately 983 homes. The single-family subdivision portion of the project will involve 33 single family homes. The proposed homes will range from 1200 to 2000 sq. ft. in size. The lot sizes in the proposed subdivision average 10,708 sq. ft. with the smallest lot being 9,600 sq. ft. and the largest being 17,437 sq. ft. This plan will require the connection of Mark Avenue to both subdivisions. If the proposed project is approved, the developer has provided a temporary construction route through the solar farm to reduce the traffic through the subdivision. Additionally, Mr. Khayat has submitted a Letter of Intent indicating a partnership with KLM Builders to construct the single-family homes. At the April 2, 2026 Planning & Zoning meeting, the Commission made a motion to approve the proposed request with a condition that the developer provide a Developer's Bond. With a vote of 4-2, they recommended to deny the request. Commissioner Frierson stated he appreciates the strong voice from the residents but noted there was never a plan for just solar and now there will also be new homes. They have to consider the best use of the property. He noted the items raised today should be considered by the developer, specifically the retention ponds. Although everyone may not agree, the Planning & Zoning Commission is a recommending body. Commissioner Fischer stated it was previously brought up that land would be donated to the Park District, but they are not interested as they would have to take on the cost to maintain the property. New homes will help expand the tax base which spreads out the costs and helps lower tax rates. It is true they would like to add additional homes to get to 25,000 people in order to be home rule so that they can address nuisance issues. The conditions of the streets in the subdivisions were part of the pavement study in 2013 looking at the conditions in the entire City. They would need \$2.5 million a year to do all the roads. Director Ransom stated they have been doing large patches throughout the City which stretches the money and allows them to do more roads. Commissioner Fischer stated they have been fortunate in receiving both State and Federal funds. Commissioner McDowell stated that he appreciated the comments from both the Council and the residents. The Khayat family presented their plan. Some residents were concerned about only having one way in and out of the subdivision and now they will be adding construction traffic. It was noted that the Khayat family hopes to improve the issues in the subdivision. Commissioner Stackhouse noted that they do hear the residents of the Cypress Subdivision but City government is about development and they are trying to do what's best for the City. Commissioner Frierson stated they are trying to make affordable homes for people and trying to continue to develop the City.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer that an Ordinance (26-O-28) be passed approving a Planned Unit Development by Khayat Enterprises/Green Fig Solar, LLC for property located in the City of Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**APPROVAL/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT/FOP/PATROL OFFICERS**

It was moved by Commissioner Stackhouse, seconded by Commissioner McDowell that an Ordinance (26-O-29) be passed approving a collective bargaining agreement between the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Patrol Officers) and the City of Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**APPROVAL/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT/FOP/SERGEANTS**

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Stackhouse that an Ordinance (26-O-30) be passed approving a collective bargaining agreement between the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeants) and the City of Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY**

Director Ianson noted that the yard waste service began on April 1<sup>st</sup>. He reminded residents that yard waste must be placed in either brown yard waste bags or a 32-gallon container labeled yard waste. Additionally, branches must be tied with biodegradable string into bundles that are no more than 4 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter. Yard waste will be picked up on the regular garbage day.

Director Ransom noted that the lead and copper samples are currently being collected for the known lead pipes. Additionally, the asphalt plants have opened up and they will begin doing pot hole patching. Regarding hydrant flushing, the hydrant flushing schedule is posted every year on the website in August for flushing to begin September 14<sup>th</sup> through September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Chief Stried shared that progress is being made on the new Fire Station No. 2 located on Route 173 between Lewis Avenue and Kenosha Road. The walls are going up and the new multi-purpose tower for training is progressing nicely.

Director Bronson stated there are new businesses that will be coming to Zion. She invited the public to attend the Start Early groundbreaking on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street. The program is in conjunction with District 6. Additionally, she reminded citizens of the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Nostalgia Days that will take place June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Police Chief Barden stated in tandem with Director Bronson's comments regarding Nostalgia Days, he encouraged everyone to come out as it is a great event for the community. Additionally, he noted the following:

- Start Early will be looking to create 80 jobs for the community.
- They are partnering with SWALCO for prescription medication drop-off at the police department. They need medication to be taken out of the container and put in a Ziploc bag.
- Regarding parking, there is no parking citywide from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Vehicles can be called in for a limited time, but they will be enforcing the no parking ordinance.
- He will be addressing the police presence with the Staff.

Director Wallendorf noted that she is currently doing budgets with the Department Heads and working on the implementation of a new payroll system.

Administrator Knabel noted that in the past, he has done a Dollars & Sense segment regarding property taxes. Property tax bills will be going out May 1<sup>st</sup> and he thought it would be a good time to repeat the segment. It will take place on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. He has received good feedback on doing this segment in the past. Mayor McKinney stated it is important for residents to understand that only 15% of the taxes go to the City. He knows residents have concerns and they are listening to them.

Commissioner Frierson thanked everyone that came out to the meeting. He realizes that it may not have turned out the others had hoped but assured residents that they do listen.

Commissioner Fischer stated that they do have to be concerned about working within their budgets when trying to get things done and sometimes it may take a little longer.

Mayor McKinney thanked everyone for coming out to express their opinions in a respectful way. He noted that they do not receive federal money for putting up housing. He realizes that sometimes comments are hard to hear but the City needs to progress forward. He often goes out to subdivisions to look at the roads. They are dealing with a lot of aging infrastructure and are trying to get as much done as they can.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

May 5	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting
May 19	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting Zion City Council Meeting
May 25		City Offices Closed for the Holiday

Upcoming food pantry dates at ZB East:

- May 30<sup>th</sup>
- June 27<sup>th</sup>

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Fischer that the Council recess to Closed Session at 8:33 p.m., pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 "Open Meetings", for the discussion of filed, pending, possible and/or probable or imminent litigation, personnel, purchase or sale of real estate, collective bargaining, legal counsel and personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell seconded by Commissioner Frierson to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:01 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried.

**NON-UNION SALARIES**

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell seconded by Commissioner Stackhouse to approve non-union salaries as discussed and submitted. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; Stackhouse, aye; and Mayor McKinney aye. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk